

BLOODY NEWS

FROM

Covent Garden;

Being a True Relation, how one Mr. *Bulger*,
an *Irish* Gentleman, who Committed a Horrible and Bloody
Murther near the Three-Tun Tavern, in

Chandois-Street:

*And of a Baker's Wife that is secured
for the same FACT.*

Between 11. and 12. a Clock at Night on Thursday the
20th of this present September, Mr. *Philpsa Baker's* Wife in Bedford-Berry, came to the three
Tun Tavern in Chandois-Street for some Wine,
and it so happening that the Gentlewoman of the Tavern,
suspecting the money not to be good refused it for that
Reason; and also to give her credit, not knowing at that
time who she was or where she dwelt: One *Charlton*
an Honest and Industrious Poor Labouring Man,
and who plyed as a Porter to the said Tavern, and to other
Neighbours in the same Street was present. Also a Coach-
man by Accident, spoke to Mrs. *Phelps*, about her hindring
him of 5 or 6 s. that was his due, from some of her Lod-
gers, who he said were a Company of *Bullys* and *He Eiors*,
which so enraged her that she presently, in a few minutes de-
parts in a great Passion (as may be thought) being conscious
of her Guilt, and in a very few Minutes time, one *Bulger*
an *Irish* Gentleman comes rushing into the Tavern and ask'd
for the Coachman which the Porter perceiving, went im-
mediately out of Doors, fearing the Gentleman might do
him some mischief (his Countenance threatening as much)
and so it fell out; for the said Mr. *Bulger* pursued the Por-
ter with all Violence, and before he was four Yards from
the Tavern door run the Porter through the Body, upon
which the poor man cryed out Murther, and returned in-
to the Tavern being still pursued, and dropped down dead
before the Bar.

At the same time the Murther was Committed, a Gent-
leman

leman alighting from a Coach at a Neighbouring Door, called out to the people of the Tavern to secure the said Mr. Bulger, saying he had kill'd the man, which was accordingly done, and a Constable sent for to secure the Prisoner, in Order to his being prosecuted, and at the same time upon Examination of the Prisoner he Confest the Fact, and declared he had no prejudice against the poor man that was slain, and that he did it at the Instigation of the said Bakers Wife; who forced him twice out of her doors to do it before he was willing to concern himself in her quarrel; she pretending the Coachman had Affronted her, & said he was heartily sorry for what he had done & hoped God would forgive his grievous Offence. Upon which Declaration, the Constable sent some part of his Watch & seized the Bakers Wife, and with the Assistance of another Constable and a great Number of Watchmen, and other Assistances that came in by chance, they carryed them both to the Gate-House about twelve a Clock the same Night, where they are to remain till next Sessions of Oyer & Terminer, & Goal delivery of Newgate. Mr. White the Coroner of Westminster, having taken the Inquest, the Jury have found both the said parties Guilty of Willful Murther; and its Generally believed, it will appear so, when the Cause shall come to be tryed at the Old-Baly, the Circumstance and Evidence being very plain and positive, besides the Confession of the parties.

It is certain this poor Porter is not the first person the said Mr. Bulger hath slain. It being not many months ago, since he killed a Middlesex Officer, as he was Executing his Office in German-Street in St. James's New-Buildings; for which he was Convicted, and had his Majesties Gracious Pardon. And it is Credibly Reported, that Mr. Lefly the Scotch Gentleman, that had the misfortune to kill Mr. Glover in Covent-garden, not many months ago, did lodge at that time at this Womans House, and it is Conjectured that she might possibly have a finger in that Mischief, as well as this, which if so we may glorifie the Providence of Divine Justice, in pursuing the Blood of the Innocent, which cries aloud for Vengeance on the Heads of the Guilty: though they may privately persevere in their wickedness never so long, the Hand of Gods Justice will certainly, one time or another find them out, and this unfortunate poor man by the unruly hands of his Violence fell as you have heard without any manner of Provocation.